

Administrative Instructions

1) Background.

The Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade (ARTB) will sponsor the 34th Annual David E. Grange Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, GA, from 07-09 April, 2017. The competition is a multi-day event that will test the mental and physical stamina and tactical and technical proficiency of 50 competing teams.

2) Prerequisites.

Competitors must be Ranger qualified and have no adverse personnel actions pending. Competitors must also have a Ranger Physical within the last 12 months and complete three administrative actions: 1) Letter of Intent, 2) Competitor Packet, and 3) Competition In-processing.

The Letter of Intent (Encl 3) is sent by the competitor's chain of command to CPT Weeks (lucas.j.weeks.mil@mail.mil) NLT 10 FEB 2017. This allows ARTB to forecast the overall team layout.

The Competitor Packet consists of an updated Letter of Intent, including any changes to team organization, a Competitor Biography (Encl 4) and a Ranger Physical dated within the past 12 months (NET 10 APR 2016). Send the Competitor Packet as a single PDF to CPT Weeks (lucas.j.weeks.mil@mail.mil) NLT 24 FEB 2017.

Competition in-processing consists of teams arriving at Camp Rogers on 3 APR 2017. The only paperwork required is a copy of orders awarding each competitor the Ranger Tab and any updates to the Ranger Physical, if necessary.

3) Concept of Operations.

The competition will consist of a series of physical and technical Ranger events spread across three days and two nights. The overall sequence of the events will remain unknown, but competitors will receive task, conditions, and standards prior to the execution of each event. There is also a list of most events provided below.

Competitors will arrive NLT 03 1300 APR 2017 and report to the Senior TAC office (BLDG 5020A) on Camp Rogers with all in-processing documentation. Once in-processed into the competition, teams will have three days of orientation and training on the course. Once the competition begins on 7 APR 2017, ARTB cadre will control all clothing and equipment exchanges. Receipt of any item from an outside source after the competition starts will result in team disqualification. Additionally, the competition is a professional military competition and competitors are expected to adhere to the Ranger Creed and the spirit of the competition.

The awards ceremony will take place at Marshall Auditorium in McGinnis-Wickham Hall on 10 APR 2017.

Timeline of key events:

Date	Event
10 FEB 2017	Letter of Intent Due
24 FEB 2017	Competitor Packet Due
27 FEB 2017	ARTB Releases By-Name Team List
1 MAR 2017	No Further Training on ARTB Sites
3 APR 2017	Competitor Report Date
4-6 APR 2017	Competitor Orientation Week
7-9 APR 2017	Competition
10 APR 2017	Award Ceremony

Overall list of competition events (subject to change):

292 Field Expedient Antenna
Buddy Run
Body Armor Run
Combat Water Survival Assessment
Darby Queen Obstacle Course
Demolitions Training
Foot March
Grenade Assault Course
Helocast
Intersection/Resection
Liter Carry
M4 Qualification
M4 CQM and Alternate Firing Positions
Machine Gun Qualification
Malvesti Confidence Course
Night Orienteering
Pistol Shoot
Tri-Tower Climbing Event
Ranger First Responder
Shotgun/M320 Shoot
Sling Load Recovery
Spartan Race
Urban Obstacle Course
Weapons Assembly/Disassembly
Establish 81mm Mortar Firing Point
Mystery Events

4) Restrictions

The following is a non-inclusive list of competitor restrictions:

- The ARTB will not store/secure any weapons or equipment brought by competitors.

- Competitors may not conduct any preparatory training on the following sites after 1 MAR 2017: Darby Queen, Malvesti, CWSA at Victory Pond, or Todd Field.
- Competitors may not modify their uniforms with the intent of creating advantage (i.e. cutting straps, buckles, or pockets off).
- Competitors may not receive any clothing or equipment from outside sources during the competition (7-9 APR 2017).
- Coaches or trainers assisting competitors will not have access to competitors during the competition (7-9 APR 2017), nor are they authorized to attend competitor briefings. Coaches and trainers will be treated as spectators.
- Competitors may not use any medication or nutritional/performance supplements during the competition unless authorized by the ARTB medical staff. Drug surveillance and testing may be conducted before, during, or after the competition. Any refusal to submit to testing or a positive test result will be grounds for disqualification.

5) Uniform and Packing List

The basic competition uniform will consist of ACUs, patrol cap, ACH with cover, boots, FLC, weapon, and field pack. All components of uniform will be of same camouflage pattern and IAW Army or service-equivalent regulation.

The below packing list may be modified before the competition date. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure he has the current packing list during in-processing. The current packing list will be posted on the official Best Ranger Competition website at <http://www.benning.army.mil/INFANTRY/RTB/BRC.html>

WORN	NSN
ID Tags x 2 w/break away chain (long and short)	8465-00-261-6629
ID Card	
Top, ACU/OCP	
Trouser, ACU/OCP	
Belt, Sand/Tan 499	
T-shirt, Sand/Tan 499	
Pair Cushion Sole Socks	
Army Boots, Sand/Tan 499 (see Item 1)	
Patrol Cap, ACU/OCP	
1-Knife or multi-tool (Blade Less Than 4 Inches)	
1-100 oz (Minimum) Camelback	
Fighting Load Carrier (FLC)	8465-01-525-0577
2-Canteen/GP Pouch	8465-01-525-0585
2-Hand Grenade Pouch	8465-01-525-0589
2-Pocket, Magazine M4, Double	8465-01-525-0606
4-Magazines (30 round)	6605-00-151-5337
1-Lensatic Compass	8465-01-115-0026
2-1 Quart Canteen (empty)	
1-Whistle	

ITEMS IN ALICE PACK	NSN
1-MOLLE Fieldpack, Large	8465-01-524-5285
1-MOLLE Pack Frame	8465-01-524-8368
1-Molded Waistbelt (Frame)	8465-01-524-7232
2-Sustainment Pouch	8465-01-524-7226
2-Top, ACU/OCP	
2-Trouser, ACU/OCP	
3-Pair Cushion Sole Socks	
2-T-shirt, Sand/Tan 499	
1-Poncho, Individual, Camouflaged	8405-01-100-0976
1-Patrol Cap, ACU/OCP	
1-Poncho Liner	8405-00-889-3683
1-Below Listed Item (Competitor Selects)	
Sleeping Shirt	
Field Jacket Liner	
Poly Pro Top	
1-Pair White Work Gloves	8415-00-268-7870
1- Flashlight (Minimum AA Powered)	
1-ECWCS Gore-Tex Parka	
1-2-Quart Canteen (empty)	8465-01-118-8175
1-Pencil	
1-WaterproofBag	
1-Pair of Boots (See Item 1)	
1-Ranger Handbook	SH 21-76 (FEB 2011)
1-Container, Foot Powder	
1-ACH (w/appropriate cover and night vision mount)	
1-Eye protection (goggles or glasses, must meet NSI 278.1-2003 and CSA Z94.3. and MIL VO Ballistic impact requirements).	
1-gloves (black or green, military or RFI issue)	
1-M50 Protective Mask w/carrier	8465-01-512-4434
	8465-01-512-4431
	8465-01-512-4437

OPTIONAL ITEMS.

- Wristwatch (Watch will not have any type of GPS or digital compass capabilities)
- Boot inserts (any type)
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Additional Cushion Sole Socks
- Headlamp
- Running Shoes
- Contact Lenses (Must have prescription eyeglasses)

ITEMS NOT AUTHORIZED.

- Any type of water container other than listed above
- Any type of light source other than listed above
- Any type of Global Positioning System
- Any type of internet/e-mail capable device
- Cell Phone (item is authorized for use off-duty, however not during the competition)
- Additional food supplements, powder drinks, vitamins, tobacco, or any other consumable items not issued by the ARTB.

Note 1. Boots worn with the ACU/OCP need to be Army combat boots (hot weather or temperate weather) made of Sand/Tan 499 rough side out cattle hide leather with a plain toe and tan rubber outsoles. The boots are laced diagonally with tan laces. Metal cleats and side tabs, and sewn-in or laced-in zipper inserts are not authorized. A rubber outsole is the only outsole material that currently meets the need for durability and traction on surfaces. Soldiers may wear commercial boots of a design similar to that of the army combat boot (tan), 8 to 10 inches in height as authorized by the ARTB commander or ARTB CSM. The boots must be made of tan rough side out cattle hide leather, with a plain toe, and have a tan, rubber outsole.

Note 2. Any optional equipment noted during the initial inspection must also be present during the final inspection. MOLLE (Large rucksack with frame) are inventoried at the competition start, during, and finish. No items can be discarded if they become wet or damaged. Loss of any inspected item will result in a penalty that may include elimination from the competition.

Note 3. ARTB will issue additional equipment as required.